

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to acknowledge the courteous treatment received during an interview held with the Examiner on Dec. 6, 2002.

It is noted that claims 1-5 and 7-9 are withdrawn for consideration.

Claim 6 was rejected as being unpatentable over Beattie in view of McGhee.

Beattie discloses an accessory for cleaning a golf club and golf balls. The device is in the form of a sock with an eyelet and a clip member 34 for removably attaching the sock to the user.

McGhee shows an attachment for a mobile phone and was cited for the caribiner.

In view of the excellent art cited by the Examiner, claim 6 has been amended to call for a flat, rectangular shaped towel made of a single sheet of material (as illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 as well as other figures) with the eyelet located adjacent one of the corners of the towel. This configuration differs from the towel construction shown in Beattie which has a sock, as noted.

In addition, a number of depending claims have been added.

New claim 10 adds the rectangular flap attached along one edge to said towel (illustrated in Figs. 8-9), claim 11 adds the second edge attached to the towel (Fig. 10), claim 12 adds the customized indicia on the towel, and claim 12 adds the customized indicia on both the towel and the flap (see Fig. 10). Since numeral 11 is used throughout

the specification and drawings, it is presumed that the species have to do with the attachment devices and not to the design of the towel.

It is believed that these claims now distinguish clearly and patentably over the art of record and are worthy of allowance.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Claims

Marked up version showing changes:

1. A towel attachment device comprising:
 - d) a towel including an eyelet extending therethrough;
 - e) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp forming an S-Clip including a first side clip for releasably securing said clasp to the clothing and a second side clip; and
 - f) means for releasably attaching said towel and said clasp wherein said attaching means passes through said eyelet and is releasably secured to said second side clip thereby releasably securing said towel to the clothing via said attachment means and said clasp when said first side clip is secured to the clothing.
2. A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 1, wherein said S-Clip is constructed of a rigid material so as not to lose shape.
3. A towel attachment device comprising:
 - d) a towel including an eyelet extending therethrough;
 - e) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp comprising a retractable wire clip including a wire housing case; a wire positioned within said wire housing case; and a clip connected to said wire housing case, whereby said clip releasably secures said clasp

to the clothing of a user, said retractable wire clip further comprising a hollow ball positioned at a bottom side of said wire housing case and connected to an end of said wire, said hollow ball having a recess extending therethrough; and

- f) means for releasably securing said towel and said clasp wherein said attaching means passes through said eyelet and is releasably secured to said retractable wire clip via said recess in said hollow ball, thereby releasably securing said towel to the clothing via said attachment means and said clasp when said clip is secured to the clothing, wherein upon exertion of a force on said hollow ball causing said wire to extend from said wire housing case and thereby allowing said towel to extend from said clasp.

4. A towel attachment device comprising:

- d) a towel including an eyelet extending therethrough;
- e) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp comprising a single sided hook, said single side hook including a main body cylinder, a moveable button extending from said main body cylinder, a hook extending from one side of said main body cylinder and a latch movable between a first closed position and a second open position for releasably securing the clothing within said hook, said

moveable button controlling movement of said latch between said first closed position and said second open position, said main body cylinder including a recess extending therethrough on a side opposite said hook and said latch; and

- f) means for releasably attaching said towel and said clasp wherein said attaching means passes through said eyelet of said towel and further passes through said recess thereby releasably securing said towel to the clothing via said attachment means and said clasp when said clothing is received within said hook and said latch is in said first closed position.

5. A towel attachment device comprising:

- d) a towel including an eyelet extending therethrough;
- e) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp forming a double sided attachment hook, said double sided attachment hook including a main body cylinder, a first hook extending from a first side of said main body cylinder, a first latch movable between a first position providing access to said first hook and a second position preventing access to said second hook and a first moveable button for controlling movement of said first latch between said first position wherein the clothing can be received within said hook and said second position wherein the clothing can be releasably secured within

said hook and a second hook extending from a second side of said main body cylinder, a second latch movable between a first position providing access to said second hook and a second position preventing access to said second hook and a second moveable button for controlling movement of said second latch between said first and second positions; and

- f) means for releasably attaching said towel and said clasp wherein said attaching means pass through said eyelet and is releasably secured within said second hook when said second latch in said second position thereby releasably securing said towel to the clothing via said attachment means when said first latch is in the second position and the clothing is received within said first hook.

6. (amended) A towel attachment device comprising:

- c) a flat, rectangular shaped towel made of a single sheet of material and including an eyelet extending therethrough adjacent a corner of said towel;
- d) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp comprising a carabiner, said carabiner including a C-shaped member and a latch pivotally connected to said C-shaped member, said latch being movable between a first closed position and a second open

position, whereby when said latch is in said second open position, clothing is receivable within said C-shaped member and said C-shaped member is caused to extend through said eyelet, wherein said towel is releasably secured to the clothing upon movement of said latch into said first closed position via said carabiner.

7. A towel attachment device comprising:
 - c) a towel including an eyelet extending therethrough;
 - d) a clasp for releasably securing said device to clothing of a user, said clasp comprising a material attachment clip, said material attachment clip including a closed U-shaped ring; a first piece of material extending through said closed U-shape ring; and a second piece of material including an adhesive layer on a first side thereof, said adhesive layer securing said U-shaped ring between said first and second pieces of material, a first fastener positioned on one end of said first piece of material and a second fastener positioned on said second piece of material whereby when said first and second pieces of material are threaded through clothing of a user and said first and said second fasteners are brought together, said clasp is releasably secured to the clothing, whereby when said U-shaped ring passes through said eyelet said towel is releasably securing to the clothing via said clasp.

8. A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 7, wherein said first and said second pieces of material are formed from a durable, flexible material.

9. A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 7, wherein said fasteners are at least one of hook and loop fasteners, a snap, a button, and a magnet.

Add the following claims:

10. (new) A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 6 in which said towel has a rectangular flap forming a club cloth occupying a corner of said towel diagonally opposite the corner having said eyelet, said flap being attached along one edge to said towel whereby a user can clean wet and muddy items within a partial enclosure formed between said flap and said towel.

11. (new) A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 10 in which said rectangular flap is also attached to said towel along a second edge adjacent to said first to form.

12. (new) A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 6 in which said towel has customized indicia thereon.

13. (new) A towel attachment device as stated in Claim 6 in which said flap also has customized indicia thereon.